## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 and 17-18 are canceled. Please enter the Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the filling fee. Examination of the amended application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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